Monthly Gas Utility Statistical Report

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Residential, commercial, and industrial sales showed an increase in November of 1984 compared to last year. Total utility sales were up from 1030.0 trillion Btu in November 1983 to 1091.1 trillion Btu in November 1984.

GAS UTILITY VOLUMES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS (Trillions of Btu)

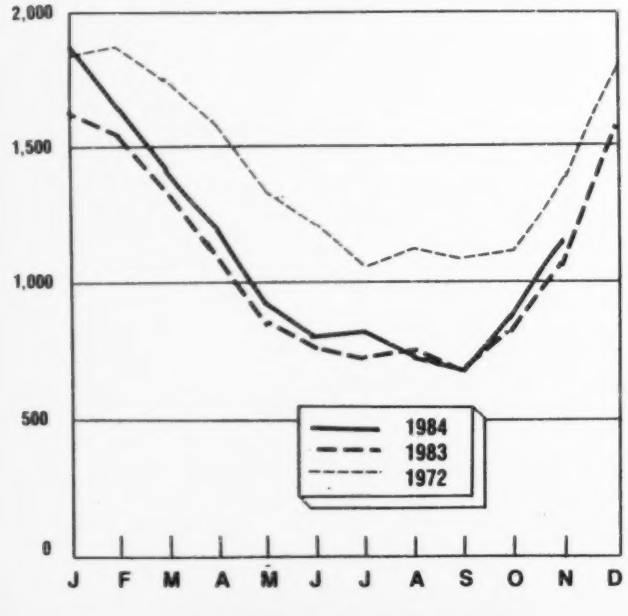
	November			Year to Date (% Change)		January 1 to December 31		
	1984	1983	% Change[2]	1984	Last Period	1984 Forecast[1]	1983	% Change
Residential	363.7	354.2	+ 2.7	4,018.8	+ 6.2	4,652.2	4,450.2	+ 4.5
Commercial	194.9	186.7	+ 4.4	2,079.8	+ 4.9	2,384.5	2,298.4	+ 3.7
Industrial	520.8	477.4	+ 9.1	5,807.6	+ 6.7	6,332.2	5,970.0	+ 6.1
Other	11.7	11.7	-	132.6	-	152.1	140.4	-
Total Sales	1091.1	1030.0	+ 5.9	12,038.8	+ 6.2	13,521.0	12,859.0	+ 5.1
Transportation	193.7	116.3	+ 66.6	N/A		N/A	N/A	
Total Volumes	1284.8	1146.3	+ 12.1	N/A		N/A	N/A	
Degree Days*	581	526	+ 10.5					

*Source: NOAA - Weighted by Gas Homeheating Customers - Normal for November is 574.

Gas volumes are based on a sample of 69 companies whose sales constitute about 65 percent of the total gas utility sales to ultimate consumers.

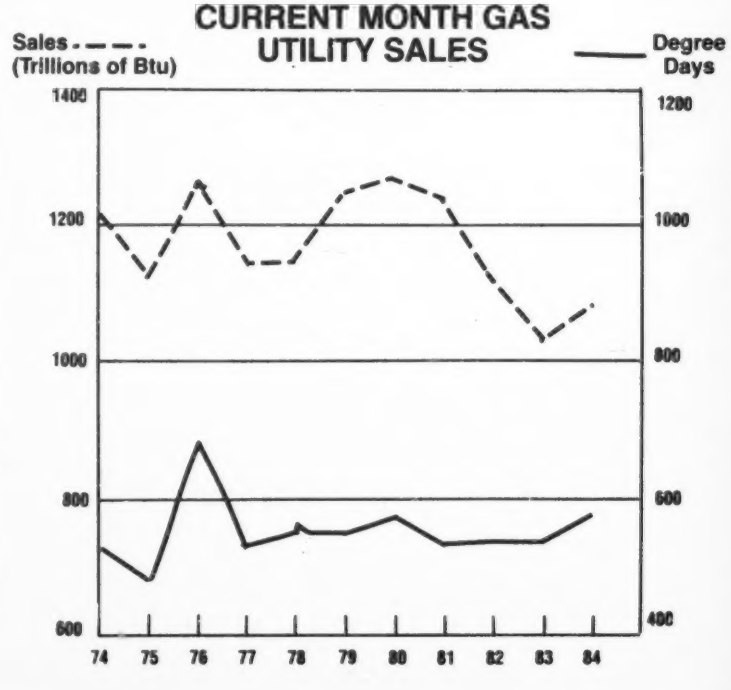
MONTHLY GAS UTILITY SALES

(Trillions of Btu)



The peak year in sales for the Gas Utility Industry occurred in 1972.

CURRENT MONTH GAS UTILITY SALES



RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS - NOVEMBER

(Thousands of Units)

	1984	1983	% Change '83 vs '84
Domestic Range			
Gas	145.9	134.2	+ 8.7
Electric	252.1	253.9	- 0.7
Clothes Dryers			
Gas	63.7	67.3	- 5.3
Electric	245.2	245.6	- 0.2
Warm Air Furnaces			
Gas	172.4	167.2	+ 3.1
Electric	21.5	24.8	- 13.2
Oil	19.1	18.0	+ 6.0
Boilers			
Gas	21.6	19.9	+ 8.8
Electric	0.1	0.1	- 3.5
Oil	10.8	9.3	+ 16.2

Sources: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS - NOVEMBER

	1984	1983	% Change '83 vs '84
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	121.5	136.0	- 10.7
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1967 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	584.9	576.3	+ 1.5
Electricity	350.9	331.8	+ 5.8
Fuel Oil	633.0	631.5	+ 0.2

Sources: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Index Total Gas Sales (1972 = 100)	79.1	74.7	+ 5.9
Gas Utility Prices ($/MMBtu)			
Residential	6.00	6.01	- 0.2
Commercial	5.53	5.54	- 0.2
Industrial	4.41	4.40	+ 0.2
Total	5.14	5.17	- 0.6
Carriage Volumes[3] (trillions of Btu)			
To Ultimate Consumers	193.7	116.3	+ 66.6
For Ultimate Consumers	39.8	24.9	+ 59.8
For Resale	130.3	98.2	+ 32.7
Total	363.8	239.4	+ 52.0

Source: A.G.A.

AVERAGE GAS UTILITY PRICES FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING ($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.	Oth.
1977	Dec.	1.974	2.333	2.067	1.685	1.735
1978	Dec.	2.184	2.534	2.279	1.895	1.788
1979	Dec.	2.522	2.918	2.665	2.231	1.937
1980	Dec.	3.134	3.612	3.336	2.792	2.667
1981	Dec.	3.650	4.161	3.909	3.292	3.458
1982	Dec.	4.456	4.969	4.721	4.003	4.303
1983	Dec.	5.120	5.881	5.508	4.408	4.914
1984	Jan.P	5.117	5.864	5.509	4.392	4.888
	Feb.P	5.104	5.866	5.501	4.370	4.880
	Mar.P	5.091	5.848	5.491	4.351	4.855
	Apr.P	5.081	5.850	5.486	4.339	4.841
	May P	5.073	5.851	5.483	4.328	4.820
	Jun.P	5.067	5.856	5.484	4.317	4.814
	Jul.P	5.052	5.859	5.486	4.305	4.810
	Aug.P	5.050	5.859	5.484	4.301	4.803
	Sep.P	5.049	5.861	5.485	4.296	4.781
	Oct.P	5.052	5.863	5.487	4.291	4.765
	Nov.P	5.051	5.862	5.486	4.293	4.747

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AVERAGE MONTHLY GAS UTILITY PRICES ($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.
1982	Nov.	4.85	5.55	5.12	4.25
	Dec.	4.96	5.40	5.19	4.33
1983	Jan.	5.16	5.57	5.38	4.49
	Feb.	5.18	5.58	5.44	4.49
	Mar.	5.23	5.78	5.54	4.50
	Apr.	5.17	5.73	5.50	4.46
	May	5.16	6.11	5.61	4.44
	Jun.	5.07	6.48	5.71	4.40
	Jul.	4.94	6.73	5.62	4.33
	Aug.	4.89	6.87	5.53	4.33
	Sep.	4.94	6.79	5.54	4.36
	Oct.	5.04	6.41	5.53	4.36
	Nov.	5.17	6.01	5.54	4.40
	Dec.	5.18	5.70	5.49	4.35
1984	Jan.P	5.13	5.54	5.41	4.32
	Feb.P	5.07	5.60	5.39	4.24
	Mar.P	5.10	5.66	5.46	4.28
	Apr.P	5.06	5.74	5.45	4.30
	May P	5.05	6.13	5.57	4.30
	Jun.P	4.96	6.67	5.76	4.26
	Jul.P	4.78	6.86	5.68	4.19
	Aug.P	4.86	6.90	5.48	4.28
	Sep.P	4.92	6.85	5.58	4.30
	Oct.P	4.99	6.43	5.55	4.30
	Nov.P	5.14	6.00	5.53	4.41

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[1]1984 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1984 monthly data. The remaining months are derived by using a four year average. The industrial sector forecast is also based on available 1984 monthly data. The remaining months of 1984 are heavily weighted by last years sales with no adjustment made for degree days.

[2]The percent change is a function of the 69 sample companies.

[3]Carriage volumes determined by using a simple straight expansion of sample data to represent the total gas utility industry. Carriage volumes for ultimate consumers are volumes delivered to another transporter, not the ultimate consumer, and are therefore broken out to eliminate double counting of volumes delivered to ultimate consumers.